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Brian Shortsleeve, Chief Administrator and Acting General Manager



**Fiscal and Management Control Board
August 8, 2016
Transportation Board Room
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Joseph Aiello, Director Lisa Calise and Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Brian Shortsleeve, Jeff Gonneville, John Englander, Mark Fuller, Jerry Polcari, Owen Kane and Brian Kane

PROCEEDINGS:

At the call of Chair Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was called to order at 12:05 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Aiello opened up the public comment session. The following speakers spoke in support of the Middleboro alternative for the South Coast Rail project: Rep. William Straus, Rep. Keiko Orall; Rick Kidder-New Bedford Chamber of Commerce; Robert Mellion - Fall River Chamber of Commerce; Hugh Dunn-South Coast Development Partnership; Josh Ostroff – Transportation 4 Massachusetts; and Linda Grubb from Lakeville.

Next, Roxanna Rivera, Vice President of SEIU 32BJ spoke against the cutback of the MBTA's cleaning contract.

The last speaker was Louise Baxter from the TRU who spoke about an incident at Broadway Station and suggested more workers should be located at the subway stations.

Next was the approval of the June 6, 2016 minutes. The Board deferred voting on the August 1, 2016 minutes.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: to approve the minutes of June 6, 2016.

Next, the Chair asked Chief Administrator and Acting General Manager Brian Shortsleeve to give his report. Mr. Shortsleeve began by giving a quick review of the FY17 budget re-cast. He also noted the MBTA was conducting a portfolio wide vendor management and rapid vendor renegotiation process to identify savings on statewide contracts, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "MBTA GM Remarks, FMCB – 8/8/16." Discussion ensued.

Next, Chief Operating Officer Jeffrey Gonneville gave his report, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "MBTA COO Remarks August 8, 2016." Mr. Gonneville also noted that the "voice of the T" Frank Oglesby, retired as of July 31, 2016. Mr. Oglesby, who recorded public announcements since 1994 throughout the system and made over 1000 recordings, was presented with a Governor's citation by Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt recognizing his years of service.

Chairman Aiello took this opportunity to thank approximately 60 MBTA employees who took advantage of the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program and retired the previous Friday.

Next, Brian Kane presented Agenda Item F, a review of upcoming FMCB agenda items as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "Fiscal and Management Control Board: Public Meeting Agenda Items".

Next, Secretary Stephanie Pollack introduced Andrew Brennan, Director of Environmental Affairs who would be updating the Board on the South Coast Rail Project. Mr. Brennan began by addressing bus alternatives to the rail project, as requested by Director Lisa Calise at a previous Board meeting. Mr. Brennan continued with an overview of the project and discussed the Stoughton and Middleborough alternatives, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "South Coast Rail Project Overview, FMCB, August 8, 2016." Discussion ensued, and Mr. Brennan agreed to return to the Board at a later date with a critical path schedule of the public process.

Next, Chair Aiello asked General Counsel John Englander to update the Board on the Green Line Extension Project. Mr. Englander discussed the contracts and a request to increase the authorization limit to \$15 million to perform project tasks, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "Green Line Extension Project, Update to the Fiscal Management Control Board, August 8, 2016." Jack Wright, Project Manager, contributed to the presentation, and discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED:

To delegate to the General Manager, on behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the authority to approve and execute amendments, task orders, agreements and any related necessary documents, up to a total aggregate value of \$15,000,000.00 in a form(s) approved by the General Counsel, for the purpose of supporting the ongoing project management necessary for the Federal Transit Administration's review and reassessment, and to initiate the preparation of the design specifications for a potential future procurement.

Next, the Chair asked Chief Administrator and Acting General Manager Brian Shortsleeve to present the next item, a discussion and action with respect to the FY16 additional state assistance. Mr. Shortsleeve discussed the state's plan to transfer over \$31 million in capital money to the MBTA to use on capital expenses, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "MBTA Update on Additional Assistance, Report to the FMCB."

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015, also known as the Fiscal Year 2016 General Appropriations Act, \$187,000,000.00 was to be transferred from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA"), to be paid in twelve monthly installments of \$15,583,333.33 ("monthly installments") from July 2015 through June 2016; and

WHEREAS, through May 31, 2016, the MBTA has received eleven of said monthly installments totaling \$171,416,666.63; and

WHEREAS, , the Commonwealth has requested, and MBTA staff concurs, that the MBTA appropriation already received and described above shall be reduced to \$155,833,333.33; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has agreed to provide an amount of capital support for the MBTA's capital needs in the amount of \$31,166,666.66, an amount equivalent to the last two monthly installments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The MBTA, through and by the Acting General Manager, is hereby directed to take all necessary steps to refund to the Commonwealth, via transfer to the Commonwealth, the May 2016 monthly installment of \$15,583,333.33.**
- 2. The FMCB further directs the Acting General Manager to take any and all steps to assist the Commonwealth in providing an amount of capital support for the MBTA's capital needs in the amount of \$31,166,666.66, an amount equivalent to the last two FY16 monthly installments.**

Next, the Chair asked Chief Operating Officer Jeff Gonneville to update the board on the state of the Blue Line. Mr. Gonneville invited Charles Planck, Assistant General Manager for Operations Strategy and Support, to give an overview of the Blue Line. Mr. Planck discussed the performance, infrastructure, ridership and revenue of the Blue Line Heavy Rail as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "MBTA State of the System: Blue Line Heavy Rail, August 8, 2016." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call;

Chair Aiello Yes

Director Calise Yes

Director Tibbits-Nutt Yes

VOTED:

To enter into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. to discuss strategy related to collective bargaining and non-union personnel.

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

June 6, 2016 minutes

August 1, 2016 minutes

MBTA GM Remarks, FMCB – 8/8/16

MBTA COO Remarks August 8, 2016

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South Coast Rail Project Overview, FMCB, August 8, 2016

"Green Line Extension Project, Update to the Fiscal Management Control Board, August 8, 2016.

MBTA Update on Additional Assistance, Report to the FMCB

MBTA State of the System: Blue Line Heavy Rail, August 8, 2016.